



**AGENDA FOR THE  
JUNEAU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
COUNTY BOARD ROOM 200  
January 14, 2019**

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:35 a.m. Approve minutes of December 18, 2018 Meeting of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors
- 9:40 a.m. Resolution 19-08 \* Commend Barb Theis for Forty years of service to Juneau County
- 9:45 a.m. Award presentation Christina Beach-Baumgartner from Department of Health Services to Barb Theis for years of commitment and contribution to Public Health
- 9:50 a.m. Resolution 19-09 \* Commend Terry Cilley for Thirty Four years of service to Juneau County
- 9:55 a.m. Approve 2019 Emergency Fire Warden List
- 10:00 a.m. Resolution 19-01 \* Establish Bonds of Named Officials and Employees
- 10:05 a.m. Resolution 19-02 \* Elimination of the position of PC/Network Specialist, and creation of a new Network Specialist position in the Information Technology (IT) Department, effective upon hire in 2019.
- 10:10 a.m. Resolution 19-03 \* A Resolution Requesting Adequate and Appropriate State Funding for Essential Services Performed by the County Department of Human Services.
- 10:15 a.m. Resolution 19-04 \* Approving the 2019 Juneau County Forest Work Plan
- 10:20 a.m. Resolution 19-05 \* A Proclamation Commemorating Juneau County School Choice Week
- 10:25 a.m. Resolution 19-06 \* Resolution Honoring County Employees
- 10:30 a.m. Resolution 19-07 \* A Proclamation Commemorating Former State Representative Ed Brooks
- 10:35 a.m. Resolution 18-71 \* Resolution approving the Memorandum of understanding between Juneau County, Wood County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Armenia Growers Coalition, L.L.C.
- 10:40 a.m. Motion to fill:  
Adult Protective Services, DHS, Grade 17, Transfer  
1-Highway Maintenance, Public Works, Grade 34, Resignation

## Reports:

\*These times are estimates only Access to the handicapped will be provided. If special accommodations are needed, please notify the sponsoring committee by calling 847-9300 phone number. Attention: This notice must be posted on the bulletin board in the Courthouse prior to the meeting in order to conform to 19.83 and 19.84 Wis. Stats.

MEETING OF THE  
JUNEAU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
December 18, 2018  
9:30 a.m.  
County Board Room

County Board of Supervisors Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Peterson

**Roll Call:** 20 present -Cottingham, Willard, Feldman, Granger, Lally, Jasinski, Kelley, Koca, Niles, Parrett, Peterson, Robinson, Schneider, Seamans, Thomas, Wafle, Wenum, Wilhorn, Zindorf and Zipperer. 1 Absent - Harford

Thomas led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Granger to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018 County Board of Supervisors meeting.  
All in favor, Motion carried

Reappoint Myrna Kelley to Winding Rivers Library Board (3 year term)  
Motion by Jasinski and seconded by Wafle.  
All in favor, Motion Carried

Appoint Thomas (Tom) Guyse to Zoning and Wetlands Adjustment Board (3 Year Term)  
Motion by Willard and seconded by Schneider.  
All in favor, Motion Carried.

Reappoint John Belmonte to Zoning and Wetlands Adjustment Board (3 Year Term)  
Motion by Granger and seconded by Jasinski.  
All in favor, Motion Carried.

Reappoint Kenneth Hornburg to Drainage Board (3 Year Term)  
Motion by Jasinski and seconded by Zipperer.  
All in favor, Motion Carried.

Reappoint Bette Smart, Marcy Krogh to Committee on Aging and Disability (3 Year Term)  
Motion by Kelley and seconded by Jasinski.  
All in favor, Motion Carried.

Resolution 18-69 \* Commend Stephen Tully for Twenty Seven years of service to Juneau County.  
Motion by Granger and Seconded by Wilhorn to adopt.  
Roll call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Resolution 18-70 \* Commend Carol Fischer for Thirty Eight plus years of service to Juneau County.  
Motion by Willard and seconded by Wafle to adopt.  
Roll call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Resolution 18-71 \* Resolution approving the Memorandum of understanding between Juneau County, Wood County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Armenia Growers Coalition, L.L.C.  
Motion to adopt by Kelley and seconded by Thomas.  
Discussion by Zindorf, Parrett, Waterman, Theis, Jasinski, Feldman, Peterson, Wenum.  
Motion by Wenum to defer action until January meeting to allow for more serious research, seconded by Zindorf.

Koca called for question.  
Chairman Peterson asked for an all in favor vote. 19 ayes; 1 nay - Chairman Peterson. Motion carried.

Resolution 18-72 \* Resolution endorsing funding for next generation 911 upgrades.  
Motion by Willard and seconded by Parrett to adopt.  
Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford



Resolution 18-73 \* Authorization for signing of contracts by the Juneau County Department of Human Services.

Motion by Kelley and seconded by Cottingham to adopt.

Discussion by Koca, Cottingham, and Zindorf.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Resolution 18-74 \* To seek County Board approval of the Juneau County Land Information plan meeting Wisconsin Land information Program eligibility requirements necessary for receiving grants and retaining real estate document recording or filing fees that are charged and collected in the Register of Deeds office.

Motion by Granger and seconded by Jasinski to adopt.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Resolution 18-75 \* Land sale to MA Marcie Yang and David Germann.

Motion by Niles and seconded by Lally to adopt.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Motion to fill:

Parks Tech II: Motion by Koca and seconded by Wilhorn to fill.

Roll call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

3 Highway Maintenance: Motion by Willard and seconded by Zipperer to fill.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

County Superintendent: Motion by Granger and seconded by Schneider to fill.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Telecommunicator Sheriff: Motion by Jasinski and seconded by Willard to fill.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Deputy: Motion by Granger and seconded by Wilhorn to fill.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Lieutenant, Sheriff: Motion by Parrett and seconded by Granger to fill.

Roll Call: 20 ayes; 1 absent: Hartford

Reports:

UW Extension, Jay Dampier

Motion by Cottingham and seconded by Lally to approve the report as presented.

All in favor, Motion Carried

Register of Deeds, Stacy Havill

Motion by Koca and seconded by Zipperer to approve report.

All in favor, Motion Carried

Public Works, Public Works Director Dennis Weiss gave report and power point presentation

Motion by Willard and seconded by Schneider to approve report.

All in favor, Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn by Zipperer, second by Cottingham. Chairman Peterson adjourned the County Board meeting to Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room. The Executive Committee will meet on January 7th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

I certify the preceding to be accurate and a true account of the proceedings of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors meeting on December 18, 2018. A CD and details of the proceedings are available in the County Clerk's Office during business hours.



*Terri L Treptow*

Terri Treptow  
County Clerk

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street  
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION: 19-08

DATE: January 14, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

INTENT: COMMEND BARB THEIS FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO JUNEAU COUNTY

Whereas, Barb Theis was hired as a public health nurse for the Juneau County Nurses' Service on August 1, 1978, to work in the Home Care program; and

Whereas, In 1988 Barb became the Director for the Juneau County Public Health Service and was instrumental in establishing the first formal environmental health program which was managed by professional Registered Sanitarian oversight; and

Whereas, in 1993, with State Statute revisions, Barb Theis became the first Health Officer for the Juneau County Health Department. With the revisions Barb lead the way in shifting programing within the department from an individual nursing focus to a population-based focus. She facilitated the first county-wide Community Health Needs Assessment and ensured the health department provided an array of services to meet the criteria for a Level II health department; and

Whereas, Barb Theis and her staff have long been regarded as being very successful. Barb attributes this success to obtaining local, state and federal grants, establishing many multi-county partnerships to maximize resources, and collaborating with many diverse community stakeholders to empower individuals, families and communities with skills to improve their well-being. She strongly feels it takes stakeholders, policymakers, and communities to commit to working together to create healthy and safe places for all Juneau County residents to work, live and play; and

Whereas, she has also served in multiple leadership roles locally and at the State level. She is most proud of her tenure as President of the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) and for being recognized by her public health colleagues for the prestigious "Health Officer of the Year" award; and

Whereas, Barb feels being Health Officer has been a great joy, privilege, and a job of a "life-time." She credits this feeling to the many Board of Health members who provided her with their support, leadership, optimism and for having her back when challenges arose; and

Whereas, Barb feels the health department staff are extremely capable, compassionate and dedicated professionals and she wants to wish the new health officer and staff continued success; and

Whereas, Barb will miss the many friendships and memories she experienced she is also very excited and looking forward to retirement on February 2, 2019 and spending more time with her family and friends and pursuing other interests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors for Juneau County go on Record commending Barb Theis for her forty years of meaningful service to Juneau County, and wishes her well in her future endeavors;

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.  
JUNEAU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Adopted by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January

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County Clerk

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



**RESOLUTION: 19-09**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**INTENT: COMMEND TERRY CILLEY FOR THIRTY FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO JUNEAU COUNTY**

Whereas, Terry Cilley was employed with and served the Juneau County Highway Department from December 10, 1984 until his retirement on January 4, 2019; and

Whereas, Terry Cilley worked as a Highway Patrolman when he started in the Juneau County Highway Department on December 10, 1984, Terry went to Bride Inspector Training in 2004. Terry worked as a Solid Waste Operator and Highway Operator in 2008. Terry became a Working Foreman in 2012 and from 2014 to his retirement was a State and County Sign Man; and

Whereas, throughout his tenure with Juneau County Highway Department Terry has been an exceptional Public servant to the Juneau County residents and the Juneau County Highway Department working with Distinction, integrity and commitment in the services he provided; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors for Juneau County go on record commending Terry Cilley for his contributions to the citizens of Juneau County, and the Juneau County Board of Supervisors and wish him well in his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this commendation becomes a permanent record in the minutes of this meeting of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors, and a copy sent to the aforementioned Terry Cilley.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.**  
**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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Adopted by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January

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Terri L. Treptow, County Clerk



To the Honorable:

County Board of Juneau County, Wisconsin

In accord with s. 2612(3) and 26.14(3), Wis. Stats., we recommend the following persons to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year 2019, and ask your approval of this organization list.

**EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS**

Swan Services

IN THE City of Mauston, Wisconsin

Miller's Grocery and General Store

IN THE Village of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources—January 4, 2019

By: AARON YOUNG (electronic signature)  
Aaron Young, Area Forestry Leader

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairperson (or authorized committee thereof)

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street  
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



**RESOLUTION No. 19 – 01**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: Establish Bonds of Named Officials and Employees**

**WHEREAS**, the bonds for named public officials and the employees blanket bond expired on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the following officials are required to be bonded in accordance with § 59.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that surety bonds in amounts indicated shall be provided for the officials named for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

County Clerk.....	\$ 10,000
County Treasurer.....	435,000
Sheriff.....	10,000
Medical Examiner.....	10,000
Clerk of Circuit Court.....	100,000
Register of Deeds.....	13,000
Surveyor.....	5,000
County Auditor.....	10,000
Highway Commissioner.....	10,000
Veteran's Service Commission (3).....	1,200 each

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with provisions of Wis. Stats. § 59.52 (11) (d), all other officers, department heads and employees of Juneau county not named above shall be considered to be included in the Public Employee's Blanket Bond for Juneau County which shall be at a principal amount of \$350,000 for the year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with sureties as determined by the Personnel & Insurance Committee of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors. Said bond shall cover approximately 150 employees, of which approximately 50 have principal duties which give them access to money, checks, supplies and property.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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Alan K. Peterson, Chairperson

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Michael Kelly

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Lynn Willard

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
Juneau County on January 14, 2019

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street  
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



**RESOLUTION No. 19 – 02**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Personnel & Insurance Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: Elimination of the position of PC/Network Specialist, and creation of a new Network Specialist position in the Information Technology (IT) Department, effective upon hire in 2019.**

**FISCAL NOTE: Included in the 2019 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel & Insurance Committee has determined that the IT Department would be better served by eliminating the non-salaried position of PC/Network Specialist, Grade 21, Non-exempt and replacing that position with a salaried position of Network Specialist, Grade 21, Exempt; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed change will better serve the current technology needs of the IT Department while keeping costs down by making it a salaried position with more flexible hours;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does authorize and approve the revised position description and the title and exempt status change requested by the IT Director and recommended by the Personnel & Insurance Committee, so that the current PC/Network Specialist, Grade 21, non-exempt, in the IT Department is eliminated and the new position of Network Specialist, Grade 21, exempt is created, effective upon hire in 2019.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**

**PERSONNEL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

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James Koca, Chairperson

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Michael Kelley

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Edmund Wafle

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Raymond Zipperer

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
Juneau County on January 14, 2019.

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk



# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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**RESOLUTION No. 19 - 03**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: A Resolution Requesting Adequate and Appropriate State Funding for Essential Services Performed by the County Department of Human Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-supervised, except Milwaukee County, where the system is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and

**WHEREAS**, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and neglect services including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs, though the state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county child protective services (CPS) workload and costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children and families, and Juneau County consistently has at least 65% of its cases impacted by this epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion's share of financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing, and Juneau County has limited funding from the State of approximately \$350,000 per year, requiring the County to spend from the county tax levy an additional sum of more than twice what is received from the state to cover the true costs incurred by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and

**WHEREAS**, without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and Family Services allocation, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources, and Juneau County has had a 75% staff turnover since 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's CPS system leaves significant gaps in state-level oversight for all counties except Milwaukee County, including the absence of caseload standards, no process for regular legislative evaluation and prioritization of CPS needs and the absence of a legislative committee that provides regular policy guidance concerning CPS system issues such as adequate funding, performance, cost sharing and long-term stability; and

**WHEREAS**, along with DMCPS, all eleven of Wisconsin's peer states with county-administered CPS systems have either adopted caseload standards for CPS caseworkers, completed thorough workload studies as a basis of determining funding needs, or otherwise have made significant recommendations related to keeping CPS

workloads manageable, and Juneau County consistently has caseloads that exceed actual worker capacity and

**WHEREAS**, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under resourcing, oversight gaps and, disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request that the state of Wisconsin increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to counties in the 2019-21 state biennial budget by \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on the caseload standards developed by the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet its obligations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Counties Association urges the state of Wisconsin to close critical oversight gaps by creating legislative mechanisms to review the CPS resource needs of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate committee provide ongoing policy guidance to respond to emerging CPS trends and ongoing system needs ;and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families, the Secretary of the Department of Administration, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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Alan K Peterson, Chairperson

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Michael Kelly

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Lynn Willard

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
Juneau County on January 14, 2019

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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**RESOLUTION No. 19 - 04**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Lands, Forestry, Parks, and Zoning Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: Approving the 2019 Juneau County Forest Work Plan**

**FISCAL NOTE: None.**

**WHEREAS,** Juneau County, Wisconsin, has lands entered under the Wisconsin County Forest Program; and

**WHEREAS,** as a requirement to receive the County Forest Administrator's grant administered by the State of Wisconsin, Juneau County must submit a work plan for the Juneau County Forest that has been approved by the Juneau County Board; and

**WHEREAS,** the work plan attached hereto as an Addendum, presents the forest practices workload for the upcoming year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does approve the attached Juneau County Forest Work Plan for 2019 as presented by the Land, Forestry, Parks, and Zoning Committee in fulfillment of a requirement for the Wisconsin County Forest Administrator's grant for the year 2019.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**

**LANDS, FORESTRY, PARKS, AND ZONING COMMITTEE:**

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Jerry Niles

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Edmund Wafle, Chairperson

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Scott Wilhorn

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Joe Lally

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Ken Schneider

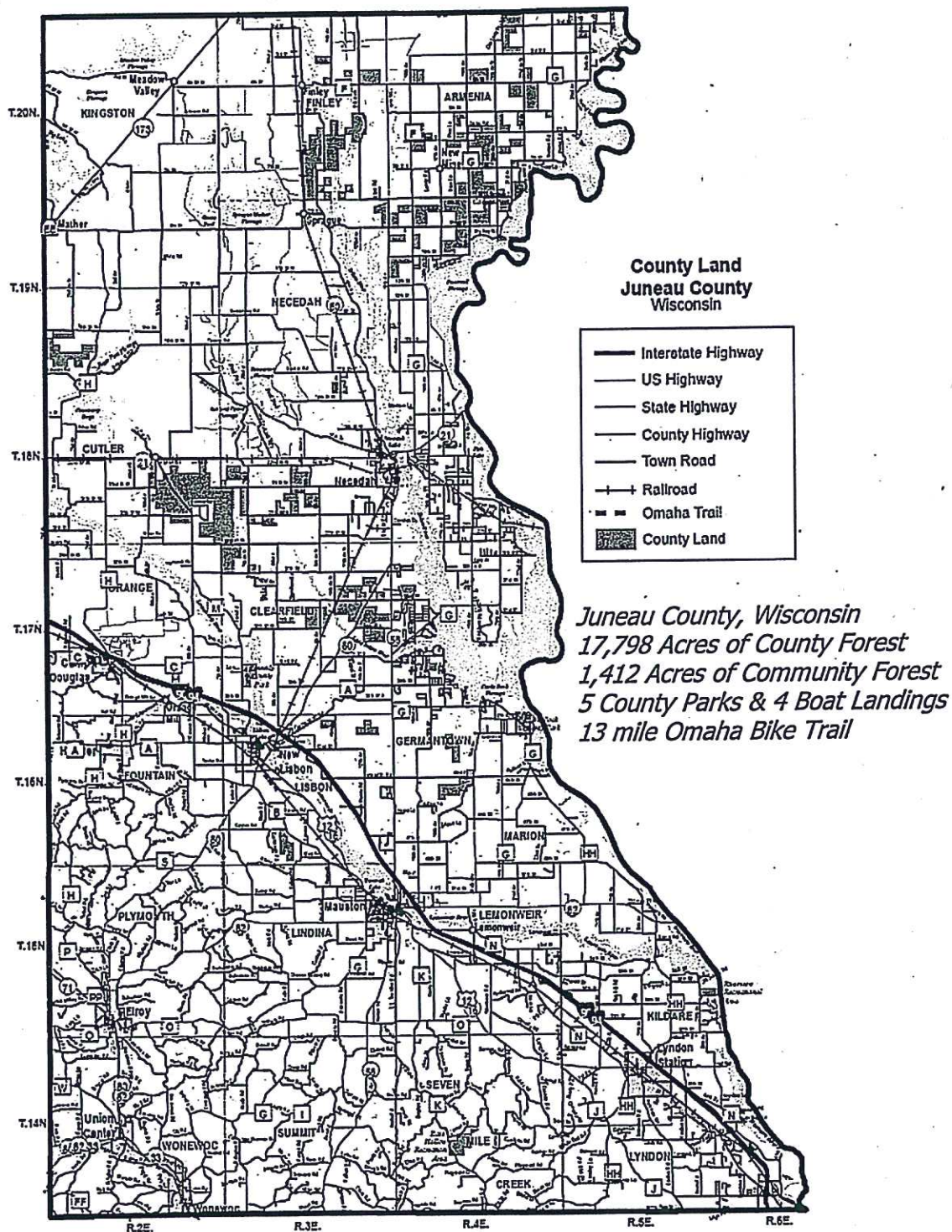
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Juneau County on January 14, 2019.

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk



650 Prairie Street, Mauston, WI 53948

## 2019 Annual Work Plan



**Juneau County**

**Land, Forestry, Parks & Zoning Committee**

Ed Waffle

Scott Wilhorn

Ken Schneider

Jerry Niles

Joe Lally

**Land, Forestry & Parks Department Personnel**

Brian Loyd, Administrator

Pat Cowan, Assistant Administrator

Courtney Curran, Secretary

**DNR Forester**

Rob Anderson, Liaison

**JUNEAU COUNTY LAND, FORESTRY & PARKS  
2019 WORK PLAN**

The following is the proposed 2019 Juneau County Forest Work Plan. The plan is a requirement of the County Forest Administrator Grant Program implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The plan supplements the County Forest 15-year Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020) and emphasizes the current needs of the County Forest and Recreation Program. The work plan focus is based on the current and future management needs of the County Forest, Community Forest, 5 parks, 4 boat landings, 2 swimming beaches, 12 miles of hiking and horseback riding trails, 239 miles of snowmobile trail, and 13 miles of bike trail.

**OUR MISSION:**

The public resources contributing to the Juneau County Forest and Park system provide a major component for addressing the ecological and socioeconomic needs of the community. The mission of the Juneau County Land, Forestry and Parks Department is to manage, conserve and protect this natural resource base on a sustainable basis for present and future generations. To achieve the mission, the County Forest and Parks are managed in accordance with balancing local needs with broader State, National and global concerns through integration of sound forestry, wildlife, endangered resources, water quality, soil conservation, and recreational practices.



## 2019 GOALS

**Goal #1:** Establish timber sales to meet our allowable cut acres and management objectives.

### Narrative: TIMBER HARVEST

Within the scope of the Wisconsin County Forest Law program (s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.) and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020), the Juneau County Land, Forestry and Parks Department will implement forestry practices that promote sustainability and multiple use of the forest. Timber sales on County lands are the main source of revenue for the County's Forest and Parks Program and also contribute towards reducing the tax levy. Harvesting timber is also very important for maintaining the health and vigor of the forest resources under County ownership. Many items concerning the local natural resources in the area of the timber sale are considered before and during sale establishment. These items include desired future conditions, timber production, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, soil protection, recreation, watershed protection, endangered resources and cultural resources.

The overarching desired future condition for the Juneau County Forest is to plan for and maintain the current distribution of cover types and age classes. This will include allowances for forest succession to naturally convert some red pine plantations to stands of mixed white pine, oak and red maple over time. The past, present and projected future conditions by acre of the Juneau County Forest timber types are presented here in report # 207.



#### Forest Structure - Past, Present, Future

Print Date: 1/3/2019  
Report 207

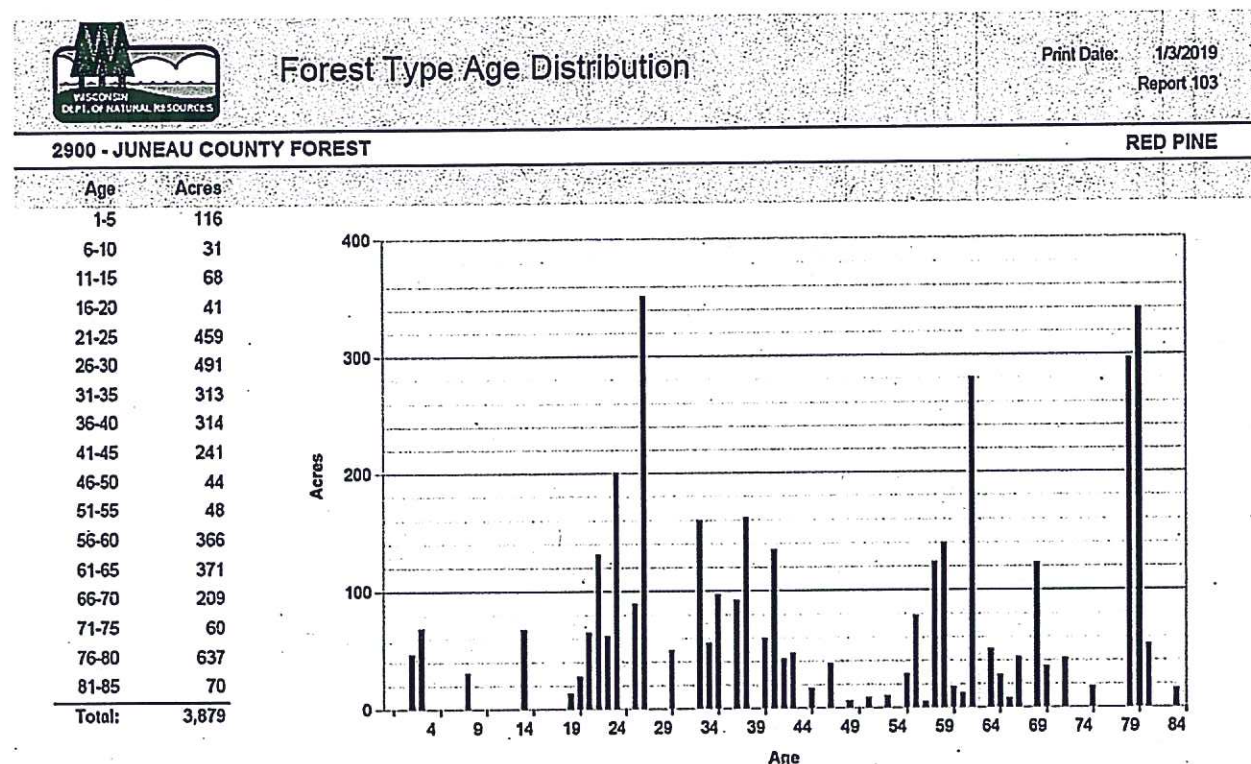
##### 2900 - JUNEAU COUNTY FOREST

Timber Text	Acres Past (1977)	Acres Present (2019)	Acres Future
ASPEN	2,360	1,822	1,822
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOODS	0	999	999
CENTRAL HARDWOODS	0	293	404
JACK PINE	4,348	2,217	2,857
NORTHERN HARDWOODS	0	0	127
OAK	646	1,756	1,437
RED MAPLE	0	230	314
RED PINE	2,396	3,879	3,982
SCRUB OAK	1,791	3,140	2,291
SWAMP HARDWOODS	0	127	127
TAMARACK	0	21	21
WHITE BIRCH	10	0	0
WHITE PINE	0	883	990
WHITE SPRUCE	0	2	2
Total :	11,551	15,369	15,373

A major consideration for us in planning forest management is the rotation age of the red pine plantations. There are approximately 3,879 acres of red pine plantation on the Juneau County Forest. Currently 20% of the red pine is over 70 years old, and another 25% of the acres are between 50-70 years old.



We suspect overall volume growth in our red pine plantations will be slowing down or perhaps even declining as they reach 75-80 years old due to the sandy and nutrient deficient soil conditions found in northern Juneau. Based on our own observation and discussions with other foresters we believe it is time to develop a plan for rotation of the older stands and prepare to replant harvested sites each spring when feasible. Report 103 below shows the age distribution of red pine planted on the Juneau County Forest. Plantations planted in the 1940s are nearing rotation age.



Timber type, age, and stand data maintained in the Wisconsin Forestry Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) is used to schedule harvest areas each year. Sale establishment is a cooperative effort between the Juneau County Forestry personnel and DNR Forestry personnel. After evaluating the compartments and stands scheduled in the 2019 harvest schedule the following management plan for the forest was developed.

#### 2019 REGENERATION HARVEST:

COMPARTMENT	STANDS	ACRES	FOREST TYPE	TOWNSHIP
8	5	70	79 yr. old Red Pine	Armenia
17	7	79	58 yr. old Red Pine	Armenia
14	13	5	81 yr. old White Pine	Armenia
17	19	11	49 yr. old Jack Pine	Armenia
13	4	21	62 yr. old Oak	Armenia
23	5	18	75 yr. old Red Pine	Cutler
23	31	32	59 yr. old Oak	Cutler
23	10	7	40 yr. old Jack Pine	Cutler
26	6	10	White Pine	Lemonweir
26	5	14	Red Pine	Lemonweir

**2019 THINNING TREATMENTS****COUNTY FOREST THINNING ACRES**

COMPARTMENT	STANDS	ACRES	FOREST TYPE	TOWNSHIP
23	28	12	Red pine	Cutler
23	44	23	Red pine	Cutler
15	3	13	White Pine	Necedah
15	7	8	White Pine	Necedah
2	4	160	Bottomland Hardwoods	Finley
Total Thinning Acres – 216				

A total of 483 acres will be established for harvest in 2019. The long term harvest acre goal for the Juneau County Forest is approximately 412 acres. Juneau County Forestry staff will prepare all timber sales for a competitive bid opening to occur during the Land, Forestry and Parks Committee meeting scheduled for March 2019.

**Goal #2:** To ensure that active timber sales are being harvested and paid for in accordance to our rules, regulations, and goals.

Timber sale administration is a joint effort between the Juneau County Forestry staff and DNR Foresters. Weekly inspections of active timber sales are a goal of 2019 to ensure compliance with the cutting prescriptions and oversee that excessive damage is not occurring on the land.

The 2019 baseline figure for the Juneau County Forest Time Standard has been compiled by the DNR and states that each fiscal year Juneau County will be receive approximately 496 hours of forestry assistance from DNR personnel. Currently over 200 hours (40%) of forestry assistance has already been provided in fiscal year 2018-2019, this has mainly been in the area of timber sale establishment, marking and cruising. Approximately 296 hours remaining to be completed before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Currently there are approximately 708 acres of County Forest Land in need of reconnaissance updating, and 575 acres of land in the Yellow River Bottoms acquisition that needs timber typed and mapped. This reconnaissance work will fulfill some of the remaining time standard requirement.

**Goal #3:** To regenerate harvested areas back to fully stocked stands when needed.

Reforestation is an important management activity that helps to assure that desirable timber species return to areas that have been harvested. In the fall of 2018, DNR partners using tractor plows reseeded 20 acres of County Forest to Jack Pine. This work benefitted Juneau County by spreading jack pine seed to reforest a stand blighted by oak wilt and also gave new DNR Fire Technicians a chance to put in dozer time and gain more experience operating their machines.

For the spring planting season we will be replanting 50 acres with 50,000 seedlings to re-establish a pine plantation that was harvested during the summer of 2017. This project is expected to take 3-weeks and will be accomplished by mid-May.



**Goal #4:****Update the Juneau County 15-year County Forest Land Use Plan**

During the course of 2019 a large undertaking will be pursued to update and rewrite the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020). The Plan is the official County Forest authority and provides policy guidance for management, recreation and protection. Initial work will involve developing a timeline to organize tasks, hold a public meeting to gather input, and then sharing the results to begin assessing what changes are needed in the plan.

**Goal #5:****To provide for protection of the Juneau County Forest Lands.**

In 2019 we will continue to focus on the rise and spread of invasive species on the Juneau County Forest and develop strategies to control their extent. The more pressing concerns currently are with the spread of Buckthorn on County Forest Land in Necedah Township, as well as Black Locust and Spotted Knapweed around the Wilderness Park grounds and surrounding County lands. During the New Year we plan to work with our County Forest Liaison to develop a multi-year Sustainable Forestry Grant Project to help fund the mapping and eradication of these invasive species and any more that become established.

**Goal #6:****To ensure that the County Forest Roads are maintained in a safe and useable condition.**

Juneau County has two permanent primary forest roads, 3.25 miles in Armenia and 2.34 miles in Cutler and Necedah Township. In total, the 5.59 miles of County Forest road qualify for the County Forest Road Aids Program and receive funding to maintain the road surface in an open and safe condition for the public. These roads often serve a variety of uses including forest management, fire protection and recreation. During 2019 we plan to inspect each road in the spring and fall, perform any grading or maintenance needed, and mow back the road shoulders before the deer hunting season.

**Goal #7:****To oversee the Juneau County's Snowmobile trail system and work closely with the Juneau County Snowmobile Council to provide safe snowmobile riding opportunities.**

The Juneau County Snowmobile Council helps maintain 239 miles of snowmobile trail in the county. The partnership between the council and Juneau County Land, Forestry and Parks Department will continue to work towards improving the trail system for safety and enjoyment.

In 2018, we applied and received funding for the snowmobile trail maintenance grant totaling \$72,960.00 dollars. This grant will fund trail clearing, grooming, signing and minor bridge repairs throughout the 2018 – 2019 winter snowmobiling season.

**Goal #8:****To ensure that Juneau County's park and trail facilities are maintained in a safe, clean, and useable condition.**

Each year the Juneau County parks and trails provide tremendous opportunities for recreational pursuits and benefits to the local economy. The Department staff will continue to maintain these facilities, and improve on safety and public enjoyment. In 2019, our main focus will be to



complete the expansion of additional camp sites at Castle Rock Park along the lake shore. The road and site pads are almost complete and we anticipate the sites being utilized by July. A new piece of playground equipment was installed recently near the new shower building adding to the activities available for families.

At Wilderness Park the shoreline and beach restoration project has been permitted and is anticipated to begin during Lake draw-down in late February or early March. The project should be completed in time to seed down any disturbed areas in time for grass to come up by the opening of the park.

The late August rain event in 2018 left damage that will carryover and need attention in the coming year. We were fortunate that the storm resulted in only minor damage to our two main campgrounds, the day-use parks and boat launches. The two campgrounds and 2-Rivers Boat Launch saw leaning and downed trees along with minor flooding but nothing that couldn't be handled in a week of clean-up work. The Omaha Bike Trail and Bass Hollow Horseback Riding Trail were impacted to a far greater extent. Near the Tunnel section of the Omaha Bike Trail there were multiple land-slides that impacted the trail grade. The south entrance to the tunnel was blocked by a landslide that occurred above the trail and had washed down from Tunnel Hill Road. This blockage was recently removed in December to allow snowmobiles to utilize the trail. There are also two landslides north of the tunnel that have narrowed the trail width and will require a large quantity of rock to stabilize the side slope. Current cost estimates are expected to be higher than \$22,500.00. Repairs to the trail are going to be tracked and submitted to FEMA for flood damage reimbursement.

The Bass Hollow Horseback Riding Trail was also affected in the storm and is closed until repairs can be made. The trail grade has many lengths of trail segment that is rough and dangerous to horses and their riders. A segment of the trail has also failed resulting in a narrower path with a severe drop off. Cost estimates are being developed and work will have to wait until spring.

We hope to get these important trails back in safe and usable condition as soon as possible in 2019.

#### **Summary:**

In the New Year, the Department looks forward to building on past successes, continuing the work of sustainable forestry and expanding outdoor recreational opportunities for the public. We also look forward to working with the County Treasurer and Corporation Counsel's Office to return tax delinquent property to the tax roll. And lastly, the Department wishes to recognize and show appreciation to the Land, Forestry and Parks Committee and County Board for all the support and direction it provides.

This report has been respectfully submitted for the LAND, FORESTRY, PARKS AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

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Brian Loyd  
Juneau County Land, Forestry & Parks Administrator

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Ed Wafle – Chairperson

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Joe Lally

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# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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**RESOLUTION No. 19 - 05**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: A Proclamation Commemorating Juneau County School Choice Week**

**WHEREAS**, all children in Juneau County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, Juneau County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Juneau County to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Juneau County; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneau County is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does recognize January 20, 2019 to January 26, 2019 as Juneau County School Choice Week and does hereby call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Alan K Peterson, Chairperson

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Michael Kelly

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Lynn Willard

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
Juneau County on January 14, 2019

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk



# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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RESOLUTION No. 19 - 06

DATE: January 14, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: Personnel & Insurance Committee

SYNOPSIS: RESOLUTION HONORING COUNTY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors to be a recognized leader in local government where every official and employee has a personal devotion to excellence in public service and embraces the highest standards of ethics and integrity, which enables Juneau County to provide the best customer services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, one element of pursuing this vision is communicating to employees that their service to Juneau County is valued and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Juneau County employees admirably serve the people of Juneau County with full commitment to the responsibilities of County offices, work in partnership with fellow employees and County officials, and have dedication to the best interests of all the people of Juneau County; and

WHEREAS, The Juneau County Board wishes to recognize the dedication and service of the employees who have reached a 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 year milestones in 2018:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Cindy Ravenscroft	Human Services	5
Nancy Cowan	Corporation Counsel	5
Travis Schultz	Public Works	5
Penny Janecek	Human Services	5
Katie Steinke	Finance	5
Amanda Morris	Sheriff's	5
Thomas Mueller	Sheriff's	5
Karen Nelson	Aging/ADRC	5
Mary Nuttall	U.W. Extension	5
Justin Wegmueller	Sheriff's	5
Coralie Burrows	Human Services	5
Julie Pogantsch-Dean	Sheriff's	10
Erin Klapps	Register of Deeds	10
Tara Herritz	Public Health/DHS	10
Scott Ethun	Human Services	10
Matthew Graewin	Public Works	10
Robb Pfaff	Sheriff's	10
Christine Woggon	Judge's	10
Anthony Hiess	Sheriff's	10
Brian Loyd	Forestry & Parks	10
Nickie Preuss	Aging/ADRC	10
Jay Greeno	Sheriff's	10
John Wenum	County Board Supervisor	10
Ray Feldman	County Board Supervisor	10
Dulcie Brunner	District Attorney's	15
Brian Goepfert	Land/Water Conservation	15
Brian Burdick	Public Works	15
Patricia Owens	Sheriff's	15
Debbie Leque	Sheriff's	15
Colleen Beier	Sheriff's	15
Kelly Coughlin	Human Services	15
Anne Schotten	Human Services	15
Michele Mehne	District Attorney's	20
Teresa Miller	Clerk of Courts	20

Debra Priest	County Clerks	20
Tina Sullivan	Public Health	20
Michael Hunkins	Information Technology	20
Ann Koziol-June	Human Services	20
Maryjo Onsager	Human Services	20
Jeffrey Hoile	Public Works	20
Gerald Niles	County Board Supervisor	20
Matthew Preuss	Public Works	25
Kimberly Reigard	Human Services	25
Carl Bezemek	Public Works	25
Barb Cowan	Public Works	30
Nancy Knickelbein	Human Services	30
Douglas Bachim	Public Works	40
Barbara Theis	Public Health	40

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall hereby does recognize each of the aforementioned Juneau County employees as an asset to the citizens of Juneau County and expresses gratitude and sincere appreciation for their years of service.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that this commendation becomes a permanent record in the minutes of this meeting of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**


Adopted by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors  
on this 14th day of January, 2019.

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Terri L. Treptow, County Clerk

# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street  
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**RESOLUTION No. 19 - 07**

**DATE: January 14, 2019**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: A Proclamation Commemorating Former State Representative Ed Brooks**

**WHEREAS**, State Rep. Ed Brooks did not seek re-election in the November 6, 2018 election and has now retired from the State Assembly, after representing the 50th district (including Juneau County) for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Brooks served his constituents well in every respect, including as chairman of the Urban and Local Affairs Committee, later renamed the Local Government Committee; he recently helped Mauston and other municipalities gain approval for placing welcome signs; he was a founding member of the Rural Wisconsin Initiative, which focuses on improving rural life and "bridging the gap with our urban neighbors in education, healthcare, technology and the workforce;" and he also served on the Agriculture, Corrections, Jobs and the Economy, Mining and Rural Development, Transportation and Workforce Development Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Brooks is a true friend of Juneau County, and he deserves the thanks and appreciation of all Juneau County residents for a job well done;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does recognize Ed Brooks for his distinguished career in public service to the people of Juneau County and wishes him well in his retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be a permanent record maintained in the office of the Juneau County Clerk, and a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Ed Brooks with greatest appreciation.

**INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 14, 2019.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Alan K Peterson, Chairperson

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Michael Kelly

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Lynn Willard

Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
Juneau County on January 14, 2019

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Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk



# Juneau County Board of Supervisors

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**RESOLUTION No. 18 - 71**

**DATE: December 18, 2018**

**INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee**

**SYNOPSIS: Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Juneau County, Wood County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Armenia Growers Coalition, L.L.C.**

WHEREAS, Juneau County and Wood County (jointly referred to as "the Counties") have tested more than 100 private residential wells in the Counties and found many of the wells produced water exceeding of the state drinking water standard of 10 mg/L for nitrate; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") conducted testing at 5 private residential wells west of Petenwell Lake in northeast Juneau County and found elevated levels of nitrates in samples taken from those wells; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau County Health Department and the Juneau County Land and Water Resources Department, under the direction of Health Officer Barbara Theis and County Conservationist Matt Komiskey, respectively, have been working arduously to assess the nature and extent of the existing problem and to develop proposed actions to be taken, all in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR") and the EPA; and

WHEREAS, the Armenia Growers Coalition, L.L.C. ("AGC") was formed to represent three of the largest of the many farming operations in the agricultural corridor that is west of the Wisconsin River, south of Port Edwards, north of Necedah, and east of several state natural and wildlife areas; and

WHEREAS, AGC, in receipt of the aforementioned testing results, has voluntarily coordinated and collaborated with the Counties on a response effort to offer residents bottled drinking water and an in-home point-of-use water treatment system if wells in the affected agricultural corridor test above 10 mg/L for nitrate (referred to as "the Clean Drinking Water Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Counties and WDNR have agreed to collaborate with AGC on further investigation of the nature and extent of the problem in the agricultural corridor, including Groundwater Hydrogeology, Agricultural Practices and Monitoring Plans, and to collaborate on implementation of the Clean Drinking Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, WDNR, and AGC have negotiated and agreed to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") as a basic vehicle for proceeding to work together toward the joint aims of the parties and to promote the best interests of the residents of the Counties who may be affected by the problem; and

WHEREAS, a true copy of the proposed MOU, in its entirety, is attached to this Resolution, and the document is now endorsed by the all the parties, including the management and governing committees of the Juneau Department of Health and the Juneau County Land and Water Resources Department; and

WHEREAS, the federal EPA is greatly concerned about the problem confronted by residents of the Counties, has closely monitored the progress of the negotiations and ultimate agreement between the parties, and has indicated its willingness to allow the MOU to be adhered to by all parties in lieu of taking any further enforcement action within its jurisdiction at this time so as to reach an effective resolution to the problem by mutual cooperation and as promptly and efficiently as possible; and

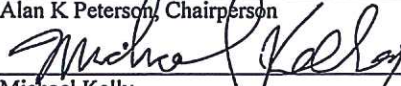
WHEREAS, the MOU would be in the best interests of the Counties and their residents because it would facilitate the necessary water testing, analysis, and responsive action to address the problem effectively in the immediate term and ultimately on a more long-term and lasting basis at the least cost to the Counties because of the substantial costs to be paid for by AGC under the MOU;

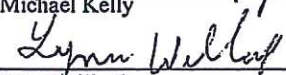
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding and authorize County Board Chairperson Alan K. Peterson to duly execute the document, as the official act of Juneau County.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON DECEMBER 18, 2018.

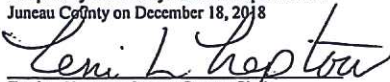
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Motion to adopt by Kelley and seconded by Thomas.

Motion by Wenum to defer action until January meeting to allow for more serious research, seconded by Zindorf.

Koca called for question.

Chairman Peterson asked for an all in favor vote. 19 ayes; 1 nay - Chairman Peterson. Motion carried.



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is voluntarily entered by and among the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Juneau County, Wood County and the Armenia Growers Coalition, LLC, and is effective as of the date of the final party executes the MOU.

### A. Background

WHEREAS Juneau County and Wood County (the "Counties") have tested more than 100 private residential wells in the Counties and found many of the wells produced water in exceedance of the state drinking water standard of 10 mg/L for nitrate;

WHEREAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted testing at 5 private residential wells west of Petenwell Lake in northeast Juneau County and found elevated levels of nitrates in samples taken from those wells;

WHEREAS a 1995 groundwater resource and agricultural practice evaluation that was published by the Central Wisconsin Groundwater Center and titled "Port Edwards Groundwater Priority Watershed" documented the presence of nitrate in groundwater exceeding the state enforcement standard in the agricultural corridor in southern Wood County west of the Wisconsin River

WHEREAS, the WDNR and Department of Health Services (DHS) have each issued fact sheets on nitrate in drinking water: <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/DG/DG0001.pdf>; and, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02128.pdf>;

WHEREAS the Armenia Growers Coalition, LLC (AGC) represents three of the many farmers in the agricultural corridor that is west of the Wisconsin River, south of Port Edwards, north of Necedah, and east of several state natural and wildlife areas;

WHEREAS AGC, in receipt of the aforementioned testing results, has voluntarily coordinated and collaborated with the Counties on a response effort to offer residents bottled water and an in-home point-of-use water treatment system if wells in the agricultural corridor study area defined in this MOU test above 10 mg/L for nitrate (the Clean Drinking Water Plan); and,

WHEREAS the Counties and WDNR have agreed to collaborate with AGC on further investigation in the agricultural corridor and implementation of the Clean Drinking Water Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the process the Parties agree to follow and to implement the Clean Drinking Water Plan and the Groundwater Hydrogeology, Agricultural Practices and Monitoring Plans is as follows:



**B. Definitions**

*Agricultural corridor study area* is the area with the boundaries depicted on the attached map, marked as Exhibit A. The Parties may agree to adjust the boundaries of the area to reflect further investigation and sampling results.

*Clean Drinking Water Plan* is the plan to provide bottled drinking water and an in-home point-of-use water treatment system, as further detailed in this MOU.

*Counties* means Juneau and Wood Counties.

*Groundwater Hydrogeology, Agricultural Practices and Monitoring Plans* are the plans to (1) further investigate the hydrogeology of the agricultural corridor study area to determine the depth at which potable water can potentially be obtained for well owners, (2) evaluate the impact of current and potential changes to agricultural practices conducted in the agricultural corridor study area, and (3) monitor the concentrations of nitrate in groundwater in the agricultural corridor study area.

*Nitrate-impaired* means well water used for human consumption having nitrate concentrations above 10.0 mg/L at any time during the duration of this MOU that is properly verified by test results from a Wisconsin-certified laboratory from samples collected by a third-party testing service retained by AGC or by the Counties, WDNR or EPA.

*Parties* means AGC, the Counties and WDNR.

*Simple access agreement* means the agreement attached as Exhibit B.

*Water Treatment System* means a reverse osmosis or a similar treatment system certified by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) for the reduction of nitrate at the highest level found in a water test from a nitrate-impaired well to 10 mg/L or below.

**C. Clean Drinking Water Plan**

1. The Parties agree to make reasonable attempts to test all private residential wells in the agricultural corridor study area. There are 1209 known addresses located in the agricultural corridor study area (823 in Juneau County and 386 in Wood County). Not all addresses have private wells. For the purpose of this MOU, it is assumed there are approximately 700 private residential wells in the agricultural corridor study area, 576 of which have not yet had a County-verified water test completed.

The Counties will coordinate with AGC to conduct outreach to private residential well owners whose wells have not yet been tested by the Counties, WDNR or EPA with an offer for a third-party retained by AGC to test their well for nitrate and to send the sample to a WDNR-certified laboratory for analysis. This outreach will include, at a minimum:

- a. A letter, which shall include the following content or attachments:
  - (1) Notification of the groundwater nitrate concerns identified in the agricultural corridor study area;
  - (2) public health information relating to nitrate in drinking water;

- (3) survey and consent form authorizing a third-party contractor retained by AGC to take a sample of water from the well;
  - (4) data release form specifying that the sample results and locations of the wells are to be provided to the Counties and therefore shall be a public record; and
  - (5) a request for confirmation of receipt.
- b. A follow up phone call for homeowners/residents not responding to the letter within two weeks.
- c. A personal visit to the residence for those homeowners/residents that are unable to be reached via letter or phone call to ensure all homeowners/residents whose wells have not yet been tested are informed and are provided the opportunity to have their well tested as soon as practicable.

Once a homeowner/resident returns a completed survey and consent form and release form, AGC will arrange for testing of the well water by a third-party testing service. The testing will occur as soon as practicable after the forms are received by AGC.

If a well sample test result is above 10 mg/L, the Counties will advise the homeowner/resident not to drink the water and will inform the homeowner of the Clean Drinking Water Plan. If a well sample test result is between 8 to 10 mg/L, the homeowner/resident will be offered two additional samples collected over the course of a year to verify that the well water is not nitrate impacted beyond the drinking water standard. AGC will retain a third party to conduct the sampling and will pay for the certified lab testing costs under this paragraph.

- 2. For private residential wells located in the agricultural corridor study area that are nitrate-impaired, all the following apply:
  - a. The Counties and AGC will develop and maintain a list of addresses for each of the wells that have been tested and each of the nitrate-impaired wells identified pursuant to this MOU.
  - b. AGC will send a letter to each identified nitrate-impacted well owner, offering to provide bottled water and a Water Treatment System, as outlined in this MOU.
  - c. If AGC does not hear from a homeowner letter recipient within one week, it will send a follow up correspondence.
  - d. If AGC does not hear from the homeowner within a week of sending the second communication, it will notify the Counties. The Counties will then assume primary responsibility for contacting the homeowner to inform them of the Clean Drinking Water Plan. The Counties will keep AGC reasonably apprised of the status of these follow up contacts such that accurate records of the Clean Drinking Water Plan can be maintained.
  - e. A homeowner will have up to six (6) months following the letter sent pursuant to subsection (b), above, to accept AGC's offer to provide bottled water and the installation and maintenance of a Water Treatment System pursuant to this MOU.



3. Once AGC receives notice of a nitrate-impaired well within the agricultural corridor study area, all the following will apply:
- a. AGC will offer to immediately provide the homeowner/resident a two-week supply of drinking water and will offer to arrange, at no cost to the homeowner/resident, to install a Water Treatment System.
  - b. If the homeowner/resident accepts AGC's offer of a Water Treatment System within two weeks of the offer, AGC will continue to supply the homeowner/resident with bottled drinking water until the Water Treatment System is installed and verified to produce drinking water equal to or less than the 10 mg/L standard for nitrate. AGC will be invoiced directly for the Water Treatment System and bottled drinking water deliveries.
  - c. If the homeowner/resident does not accept AGC's offer to install a Water Treatment System within two weeks after the offer, AGC will notify the Counties of the homeowner's/resident's decision to decline the offer. In this case, AGC would discontinue providing any further bottled water to the homeowner/resident. A short extension of the two-week deadline may be granted, if there is good cause shown.
  - d. For homeowners/residents with nitrate-impaired wells who accept the offer of a Water Treatment System pursuant to this MOU, AGC will arrange for a licensed installer to be dispatched to the home as soon as practicable to conduct an inspection of the plumbing system to determine reasonable compatibility (e.g. piping, water pressure, under sink cabinet space) with the Water Treatment System. The licensed installer will enter the home only after the homeowner/resident has signed a simple access agreement. Upon completion of the inspection, the licensed installer will send a report of the inspection to the homeowner/resident, the WDNR, the Counties, and AGC. The licensed installer's report will indicate if the plumbing is reasonably compatible with the Water Treatment System and if not, the report will identify any necessary plumbing repairs or adjustments necessary to install the Water Treatment System.
  - e. If the licensed installer hired by AGC determines that the plumbing is not reasonably compatible with the Water Treatment System selected, the licensed installer may recommend other options for alternative water, such as another point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment system approved by DSPS. AGC will continue to provide bottled water to the homeowner/resident for a period of up to three (3) months, or such longer time as is reasonably necessary to make needed repairs, as agreed upon by the parties, after an inspection to allow the homeowner/resident time to make any needed repairs or for AGC and the homeowner/resident to select another treatment option from devices approved by DSPS. It will be expected the homeowner/resident will contact AGC when the repairs are completed or when they reach agreement on an alternative treatment option. As soon as practicable upon completion of the repairs as the case may be, AGC will install the recommended option in accordance with paragraph 4.f.
  - f. If the licensed installer hired by AGC determines that a homeowner's/resident's plumbing is reasonably compatible with the requirements for a Water Treatment



System, the Water Treatment System will be installed by a professional installer as soon as practicable. The Water Treatment System will be installed to provide drinking water to a spigot located at the kitchen sink or at the refrigerator, depending on water pressure requirements, appliance compatibility, and the treatment manufacturer specifications and stipulations of the DSPS approval.

- g. No later than 48 hours after the installation of the Water Treatment System, the professional installer and the homeowner/resident will together take a sample of the drinking water and provide their initials on the sample. The sample will then be tested for nitrate concentration by a WDNR-certified laboratory that will directly bill AGC. The results of the test will be shared with the homeowner/resident, professional installer, the Counties, and WDNR. If the test indicates a nitrate concentration at or below 10 mg/L, AGC will no longer continue to provide bottled drinking water to the homeowner/resident. If the test indicates a nitrate concentration above 10 mg/L, AGC will continue to provide bottled drinking water and will work with the homeowner/resident to ensure a Water Treatment System is installed and the resulting treated water tests at or below 10 mg/L for nitrates.
- h. AGC will provide homeowners/residents with a pre-paid 2-year maintenance agreement from the date of installation of the Water Treatment System, including treated water testing and replacement of filters in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and DSPS approval.
- i. AGC will reimburse the Counties for their actual costs and expenses in fulfilling their duties under this MOU, within the limits of the following:
  - AGC shall pay the Counties the aggregate sum of \$25,000 within thirty (30) days of the last party to execute the MOU, as an advance against the first \$25,000 of actual costs and expenses, which shall be supported by detailed documentation supplied to AGC by the Counties on a semi-annual basis.
  - If the advance of \$25,000 has been fully depleted in the manner indicated, then in that event AGC will continue to reimburse the Counties for additional actual costs and expenses supported by documentation on a semi-annual basis, up to a cap of an additional \$25,000 for a total expenditure by AGC of up to \$50,000 in all.
  - If the initial advance of \$25,000 is not depleted by reimbursable expenditures, the balance remaining shall be repaid to AGC by the Counties.
  - In the event that unexpected and extraordinary expenses greater than the \$50,000 cap arise for the Counties in fulfilling this agreement, then in that event the parties shall engage in good faith negotiations to determine reasonably how those expenses will be covered and paid for by the parties.

**D. Groundwater Hydrogeology, Agricultural Practices, and Monitoring Plans**

- 1. The Parties will support a two-year groundwater study organized and approved by WDNR starting in the calendar year 2019 to be conducted in the agricultural corridor study area. The goals of the study will include: a) Identifying the 3-dimensional distribution of water containing less than 10 mg/L nitrate accessible in sufficient quantity to supply private well owners in the agricultural corridor study area; b) Identifying the 3-dimensional distribution of water in the agricultural corridor study area that could be



expected to supply water for at least 25 years under present land use; and c) Confirmation or recommendations to revise/refine the existing WDNR potable well casing recommendations for the agricultural corridor study area; d) Identifying modeled scenarios that would define land use changes that may be helpful to achieve groundwater quality goals. The WDNR and AGC agree to work together to secure funds to cover the cost of the study estimated at \$225,000, and, if necessary, the Counties may be asked to contribute toward those costs. The groundwater study results will be made available to the public.

The Parties will support a farmer-led, two-year program starting in the calendar year 2019 to evaluate agricultural impacts on groundwater in the agricultural corridor study area. AGC and any other interested growers or associations will work with the WDNR and Counties to evaluate the impacts, if any, of current agricultural practices in the agricultural corridor study area on concentrations of nitrate in groundwater. This may involve groundwater monitoring networks installed upgradient and downgradient of row-crop fields to determine the impact of changes that may reduce the nitrogen loading to groundwater. Practice changes may include but are not limited to changes in crop rotations, reductions of total nitrogen applied (accounting for all sources of nitrate), changes in the timing of applications, changes in irrigation scheduling, and the use of cover crops. Data from the program will be shared with the Counties and WDNR. Educational programs will be developed by the Counties and WDNR for residents in the agricultural corridor study area to describe the changes that are being made and the goal of the program. The producer-led groundwater program results will be made available to the public.

2. The Parties agree to develop and implement a long-term groundwater monitoring plan to investigate the status of groundwater beneath the agricultural corridor study area. The study design will be led by WDNR in consultation with the Counties and other state and federal agencies. The Parties agree to work together to secure funds to cover the cost of the long-term groundwater monitoring plan.

#### **E. General Conditions**

1. The Parties will each designate a representative to lead and coordinate implementation of this MOU, including communication, representation and participation.
2. WDNR will serve as a communication liaison to update the EPA as to the status of the Clean Drinking Water Plan. Monthly reports will be generated by AGC and sent to WDNR and the Counties for the first six (6) months of the program. The Parties will meet at least every month and will evaluate further reporting at the end of the first six (6) months. Such meetings may occur telephonically.
3. No Admission of Liability.
  - a. The Parties acknowledge that this executed MOU presents a reasonable and voluntary approach to providing clean drinking water for residents of the agricultural corridor study area.
  - b. All Parties understand, acknowledge and agree that this MOU is voluntarily entered and is not to be construed as an admission of any liability, responsibility or

wrongdoing whatsoever on the part of any party or its owners, members, participants or employees, collectively or individually, and any and all such alleged liability is expressly denied and defenses expressly reserved.

4. Notice under this MOU shall be as follows:

- a. AGC: David A. Crass, Esq.  
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP  
P.O. Box 1806  
Madison, WI 53701-1806  
Phone: (608) 283-2267  
Email: [dacrass@michaelbest.com](mailto:dacrass@michaelbest.com)
- b. Juneau County: David E. Lasker  
Juneau County Corporation Counsel  
200 Hickory Street  
Mauston, WI 53948  
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Email: [dlasker@co.juneau.wi.us](mailto:dlasker@co.juneau.wi.us)
- c. Wood County: Sue Kunferman, Director  
Wood County Health Department  
Wood County River Block Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
111 W. Jackson Street  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495  
Phone: (715) 421-8911  
Email: [skunferman@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:skunferman@co.wood.wi.us)
- d. WDNR: Bruce Rheineck  
Groundwater Section Chief  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-2104  
Email: [bruced.rheineck@wisconsin.gov](mailto:bruced.rheineck@wisconsin.gov)

- 5. This MOU is voluntary in nature and any party may withdraw from participation herein in the party's sole discretion and such withdrawal shall not affect the remaining parties' agreement to continue to perform hereunder or to terminate this MOU. All Parties understand, acknowledge and agree, that by entering into this MOU, WDNR does not waive its right to take any action authorized by law if WDNR determines such action is warranted with respect to groundwater or wells in the agricultural corridor. The Parties further agree that this MOU may be amended in the future as necessary to implement the Clean Water Plan, but such amendment shall only be effective in a writing signed by all parties then participating and agreeing to be so bound. WDNR will notify EPA of any amendment.
- 6. This MOU is effective as of the date of the final party to execute the MOU. The MOU will terminate on December 31, 2022.



7. The Parties agree to meet monthly for the first six months following the effective date of this MOU to assess the implementation actions that have been completed and the actions that remain to be performed. The Parties will continue to meet on a routine basis after the first six-month period, but no less frequently than once every three months while this MOU is in effect. Such meetings can occur telephonically. Approximately six months prior to the expiration of the MOU, the Parties agree to reconsider whether the MOU should be continued or whether a revised MOU is advisable.
8. By signing below, each signatory represents and warrants that he or she has the authority to enter into this MOU and to so bind the respective party. This may be executed in counterparts and as so executed shall constitute one agreement binding on the Parties. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this MOU by email or other electronic means will be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this MOU.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS THEREOF and intending to be legally bound, the Parties have caused this MOU to be executed by signature of their duly authorized respective representatives. The Effective Date is the date the final party executes the MOU.

JUNEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan K. Peterson  
Juneau County Board Chairman

WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Kunferman  
Director of Wood County Health Department

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

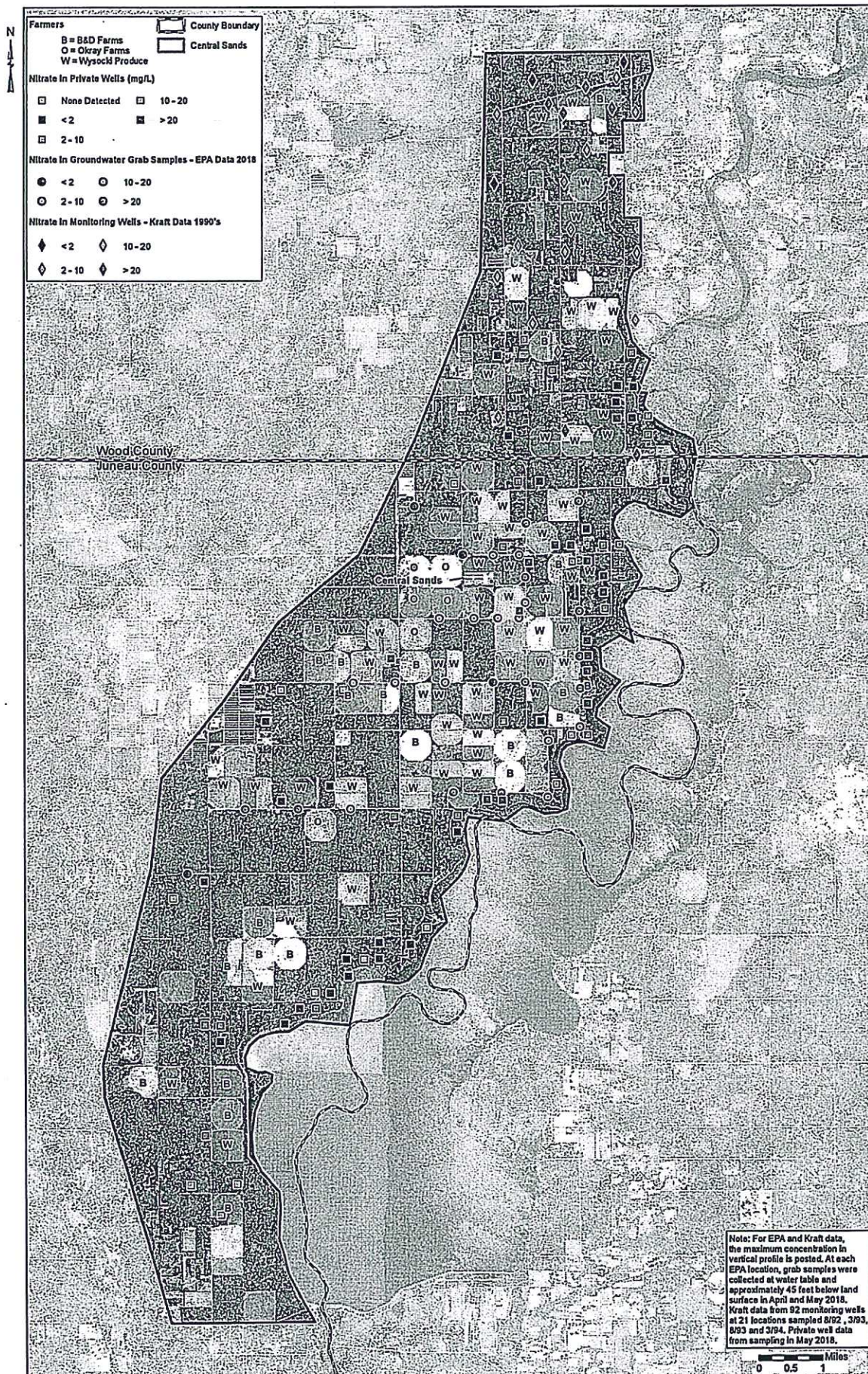
By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary  
Department of Natural Resources

ARMENIA GROWERS COALITION, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Wysocki, Armenia Growers Coalition, LLC  
Manager

# EXHIBIT A





August 22, 2018, Aerial Imagery, NAIP 2015

Nitrate Concentrations (mg/L)



## EXHIBIT B

# ARMENIA GROWERS COALITION

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## GRANT OF ACCESS/ LICENSE AGREEMENT

[PROPERTY OWNER] his/hers/their heirs, successors, and assigns (the "Owner(s)"), hereby grants to ARMENIA GROWERS COALITION, LLC, its agents, contractors and plumbers, a right of reasonable access to enter upon the property located at \_\_\_\_\_, Wisconsin (the "Property"), for the purpose of inspecting the homeowner's well and associated plumbing to determine whether the infrastructure is sufficient for installation of a reverse osmosis or similar water treatment system, and, if so, for the installation of a water treatment system. The Owner(s) also consents to the performance of all activities reasonably related to the above-listed activities.

This Grant of Access and License Agreement and its conditions shall run with the property and bind current and subsequent owners and lessees of the Property until expiration. This Grant of Access and License Agreement, its terms and conditions, shall be effective from the date of signature, and shall continue for twelve months after the installation of the water treatment system. Armenia Growers Coalition shall provide Owner with at least 24 hours' advance notice prior to access. This notice can be via telephone.

In return for this license, Armenia Growers Coalition, LLC agrees to promptly provide Owner with the results of all testing completed, conduct itself in a professional and skillful manner, and to repair any damage to the residence and otherwise reasonably restore the Property to its condition prior to access by the Coalition or its agents, contractors and plumbers.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

### PROPERTY OWNER

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where  
access is granted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### ARMENIA GROWERS COALITION, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## **JUNEAU COUNTY**

### **REPORT ON PERSONNEL/INSURANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF VACANT POSITIONS**

The Personnel Committee is required by County ordinance to review every vacant position to determine whether the position needs to be filled. The position cannot be refilled unless the County Board adopts a motion authorizing the filling of the vacancy.

Position	Department	Class Grade		Reason for vacancy
Adult Protective Services	DHS	Grade 17	\$18.7005 - \$27.4605	Transfer
1-Highway Maintenance	Public Works	Grade 34	\$21.2351	Resignation

The Board will consider the Personnel/Insurance Committee's recommendation one position at a time.

On January 14, 2019 the Personnel Committee made a motion to take above positions to County Board and to recommend filling said position.